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SUBJ: SPECIAL SESSION UNGA - UK VIEWS

1. DURING WELCOMING LUNCH (ACCOMPANIED BY AMBS BENNETT AND SCHAUFLE) I GAVE FOR NEW UK PERMREP RICHARD (ACCOMPANIED BY MINS JAMIESON AND MACKENZIE) HE INDICATED THAT HE UNDER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO WORK AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH USUN IN UN.

2. RICHARD EXPRESSED SOME DOUBTS ABOUT LOW PROFILE BEING ADOPTED BY US IN PRE-GA PERIOD. I EXPLAINED REASONING BEHIND OUR PRESENT TACTICS, INCLUDING OUR REASONS FOR NOT ATTENDING CONTACT PREVIOUS GROUP MEETINGS, BUT SAID WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO WADE IN AT APPROPRIATE TIME, PERHAPS THIS WEEK. MACKENZIE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT CONTACT GROUP'S FIRST MEETING ON SUBSTANCE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 4.

3. BRITISH POINTED OUT THAT IF US WAITED TOO LONG TO PARTICIPATE IN PRE-ASSEMBLY DISCUSSIONS OF SUBSTANCE, IT RISKED LOLOSING TIMELY OPPORTUNITY FAVORABLY TO AFFECT CONTENTS OF DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND ACTION PROGRAM.

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FURTHERMORE, IF US OBJECTIONS CAME TOO LATE IN PROCESS, US,

RATHER THAN OTHERS, COULD BE ACCUSED OF CAUSING CONFRONTATION.

4. RICHARD SAID THAT UK COULD CONSULT WITH EUROPE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY BUT WISHED TO BE ASSURED ALSO OF CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH US. I ASSURED HIM THAT USUN PREPARED CONSULT WITH UKUN, AS INDEED WE ALREADY HAD, ON ALL ASPECTS OF SPECIAL SESSION. I ALSO NOTED WIDE RANGE OF MY DISCUSSIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED INCLUDING ALGERIANS.

5. COMMENT: RICHARD CLEARLY IS SEEKING INCREASED COORDINATION WITH USUN IN LINE WITH HIS GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL POLICY TOWARD US. THIS IS WELCOME DEVELOPMENT, AND WE PLAN MAKE USE HIS ATTITUDE TO INSURE OUR GREATER INPUT INTO EC-9 CONSULTATIONS HERE.
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